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## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2003 (Paper No. 8), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a two-month extension of time, up to and including October 9, 2003, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections, in light of the following remarks.